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The former feeling of apprehension of "something is going to happen" because of the European war, has almost entirely disappeared, according to a special report submitted today by the committee on statistics and standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at Washington.

Even with the possibility of our being entangled in this gigantic world conflict, there still remains a pronounced belief that notwithstanding such untoward conditions business is bound to improve and show distinct advancement. Confidence in the future, according to this committee, of which A. W. Douglas of St. Louis, is chairman, has grown apace with the steady progress of the crops and the slow but continual improvement in industrial affairs.

Buyers Still Conservative

There still continues, however, much conservatism and caution in buying and in new commitments. The feeling seems to be that it is the best to wait until the results of the crops are known beyond question before venturing in a more extended way, and as a consequence stocks of merchandise throughout the country continue light.

The weather has been the keynote of the crop situation for the past six weeks. Since the first of June there have been in almost all sections of the country, the exceptions being few and distinctly local. The effect upon the crops has been both good and bad, but the benefit has far exceeded the damage, as serious as has been the latter in some sections.

Lumber interests are everywhere very quiet. A general dearth of building outside the large cities is having a very depressing effect on the sale of all building material.

In general, because of abundant feed and low prices, the raising of live stock is a growing industry in all sections of the country. From the south come reports of increasing numbers of animals. The greatly increased raising in all sections this year of grain and forage crops points to a large number of cattle and greater attention to stock raising and to dairy products. The foot and mouth disease seems to have been entirely stamped out for the time being, and the campaign of sanitation and vaccination against hog cholera has had decidedly favorable results. Hogs are increasing in numbers because of abundant feed and due to diminishing ravages of hog cholera.

In every section of the country, without exception, the dairy industry is spoken of as a growing one and receiving increasing attention from the farmer. Mules and horses are in good demand and at desirable prices. This industry has been favorably affected by the European war.

Dealing specifically with crops, the report goes on to say that, stimulated by the abnormal demand of the warring nations of Europe, the wheat acreage this season in this country increased beyond any previous planting. It was approximately 12 1/2 per cent greater in winter wheat and 10 per cent in spring wheat than in 1914. The continued wet weather delayed growth, harvesting and threshing. Much damage was done to the standing grain in the lowlands. Many fields were washed away entirely by the floods, and subsequent damage accrued in shocks because of sprouting and too much moisture. These accumulated results have made necessary a somewhat reduced estimate of both spring and winter wheat, and, based on the reports under consideration, the estimated probable yield will be 948,500,000 bushels.

In the northern sections, especially in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the two Dakotas, northern Nebraska and the peninsula of Michigan, the growth of corn has been much retarded by continued cool, wet weather. This is a condition that no amount of favorable weather from now on can altogether remedy. The outlook therefore in those sections is not encouraging. The present estimate is for a crop of approximately 2,935,000,000 bushels, or about 10 per cent greater than last year.

Probably a Record Oat Production

Oats are particularly susceptible to damage by wet weather but despite this the outlook now is for a yield of about 1,400,000,000 bushels, closely rivaling the record-breaking production of 1912. Of the minor grains, it can be said that they are about of the average or normal yield and of potatoes that the crop will closely approximate that of last year.

The reduction in the cotton acreage as compared with last year is approximately 16 per cent, and combined with this is about 40 per cent decrease in the use of fertilizers, the use of these being largely confined to the south Atlantic states. A tentative long-distance forecast on so uncertain a matter as the total yield of cotton indicates a production this year of about 12,000,000 bales exclusive of linters, which will possibly run about 600,000 more bales. As a whole, the crop has done well and is in generally good condition.

Attorney General Grant Fellows, declared last Friday, that the decision of the federal court in the Pere Marquette passenger fare case is of importance not only to Michigan, but to every state where litigation may arise between railroad companies and officials of the state charged with the administration of the laws.

"The holding of the federal court would seem to settle the proposition that when a railroad company organized under a state law and thus makes a contract with the state to abide by the provisions of that law, neither the railroad company nor any one in its behalf can subsequently assail the validity of any provision by which the privilege of organizing or consolidating is granted to it," said Attorney General Fellows. "This suit, although brought in the names of certain individual bondholders and the trustee under the consolidated mortgage, was, in the final analysis, an action brought for the benefit of the railroad company. It had resulted in the securing of permission to charge increased rates, such additional income as might have gone to the company rather than to the complainants in this case."

The rat bounty law passed by the last session of the legislature will take effect on August 24th, that being the limit of the 90 days required to elapse between the passage of the act and going into effect. On that date the county clerk, and the township clerks, will issue orders of five cents for every rat killed and brought to them.

The law makes no provision for the disposition of the rat carcasses after introduced as evidence of their demise to the clerks; and there is no provision in the law requiring an affidavit that the one bringing in the rodent is the actual and bona-fide slayer of the thing; just bring in a dead rat and get your nickel.

Five counties will be affected by the proposed drain to be put through Maple river down through Gratiot, Clinton and Ionia counties to the town of Muir in Ionia county. A petition bearing 154 names has been presented to County Drain Commissioner, L. F. Green. Some years ago an attempt was made in this direction but opposition from Ionia county made it a failure. The dredging of Maple river would give Clinton and Gratiot counties, an outlet which is badly needed and also settle many other drain questions now in process of litigation. With the completion of such a drain, thousands of acres of hitherto worthless land could be made fruitful for agricultural purposes.

ELOPEMENT ON S.S. EXCURSION

Miss Ruby Fowler a school teacher and Miles Conklin, an Arcadia township farmer sprung a little surprise on their many friends last Wednesday when they boarded the excursion run under the auspices of the Gratiot County S. S. Association, for Cadillac and were married in the City of Quality. This was the climax to a courtship lasting over a year, but nevertheless it was a big surprise to their friends.

Mr. Conklin is a well known and highly respected farmer of Arcadia. The bride is a graduate of Alma High school and for the past year has been a teacher in the Wiley school house, one mile and a half west of the city. They will make their home on their farm three miles north of Ithaca.

Church Notes

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Holy Communion—8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School—11:30 a.m.
Union services in the evening in the Chautauqua tent at 7:30 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to attend the Methodist church, Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bible school will be held at 11:30 a.m., Epworth League 6:30 p.m. Strangers are always welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH

J. W. Priest, Pastor, Residence 802 Gratiot avenue.

Sunday morning service—10 o'clock
Sermon: "The Practice of Righteousness."

Sunday school—11:30 a.m.

B.Y.P.U. meeting—6:30 p.m., Topic: "Be True to Your Ideals" (Honorary Members' Meeting.) Leader: Mrs. L. N. Baker.

Union Meeting in the Chautauqua tent at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday night prayer meeting—7:30 p.m.

All are cordially invited to these services.

BIG LINCOLN JUBILEE AT CHICAGO

The Lincoln Jubilee in celebration of the Half Century of the Proclamation of Emancipation and the world's most unique Exposition showing Freedman's Progress, to be held in connection therewith from August 22nd, to September 16th, 1915, in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, marks an epoch in the career of our nation that holds interest for all classes of our citizens.

The legislature of the State of Michigan created a commission to install an exhibit of Michigan Afro-American Progress at said Exposition. One hundred seventy five exhibits have been listed with the Michigan Commission to be exhibited under its auspices at the Exposition before mentioned.

Thursday, the 26th day of August, has been set apart by the management of said Exposition as Michigan Day. The Michigan Commission earnestly solicits your attendance at said Exposition on Michigan Day and sends you this greeting and invitation in the hope that you will find it convenient to come to Chicago on Thursday, the 26th day of August and join in making that a memorable occasion to the people of this state and also to witness the evidence of the great righteousness involved in giving liberty to the former slaves and in broadening the opportunities of the Freedmen to become valuable citizens of our Commonwealth. The Commission will also greatly appreciate a response to this invitation indicating whether you can be present or not. Governor Ferris and other State officials will address the assemblies on Michigan Day.

Sincerely yours,
Freedmen's Progress Commission
Francis H. Warren, Sec.

Dr. Andrew B. Spinney, 405-A, Hodges bldg., Detroit, Proprietor Sanitarium, Smyrna, Mich., will give free consultation at Wright House, Wednesday, August 18th, from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday August 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; St. Louis Exchange Hotel, Thursday, August 19th, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Ithaca, Hotel Seaver, Saturday, August 21st, from 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Specialties: Epilepsy, Paralysis, Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Locomotor Ataxia, Rheumatism, Mildly insane, Morphine and all Drug habits.

BIG CELEBRATION HARVEST FESTIVAL

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composed of George Maier, W. A. Brunner, Chester Benedict, Fred Rowland, Henry Miner and C. F. Brown. J. D. Helman, who has acted in a similar capacity in so many celebrations of this nature will be the marshal of the day.

A more complete announcement of the details of the Harvest Festival will be made next week, but sufficient has been said to give Record readers assurance that Alma will have the biggest celebration, August 25th, that this city or any Gratiot county city has ever had.

FARM STOCK.

The sheep is a modest, shrinking animal, but if given half a chance it more than pays its way.

Train your colts to understand that they must have their legs handled, clear down to the feet.

Hogs that are kept clean, fed clean food and have clean water to drink never want any doctoring.

Dock the lambs while young. Smear the wounds with a little tar. Do not dock too short.

A sore on a horse caused by an ill fitting harness is a handicap to his usefulness and efficiency. This means loss.

The pig pasture should be well supplied with shade.

PROFIT IN RAISING GOOD DRAFT COLTS

Size, bone and muscle are three essentials of a draft horse. These can only be obtained by proper breeding and feeding, writes a correspondent of the Iowa Homestead. Generally the colt three weeks old will nibble oats or bran. Encourage him to eat it. When the mare is fed do not forget the colt. Get the colt used to eating early so when weaning time comes it will hardly notice it. Feed judiciously and liberally until maturity. Let him out for a run every day.

When twelve months old you will have a 1,100 to 1,300 pound colt that is well on its way toward making a draft horse. When he is started on the grass feed him three or four quarts of oats twice a day, and when the flies get bad add two quarts more each



feed. In winter cut down on the oats, add more corn and alfalfa. Feed plentifully, but not wastefully. The alfalfa will balance the corn, and he will do fine. Alfalfa meal mixed with 40 per cent molasses is the best appetizer, conditioner, laxative and bone and muscle builder. It is cheaper than bran and far more valuable as horse feed. Feed each horse and colt as its peculiar need demands, there being no two animals that should be fed exactly alike.

Farmers having their own feed should finish their own colts instead of turning them off to the city man to fatten at the profit making age. If the city man can afford to buy high priced feed to fatten him the farmer surely can afford to do the same when he raises most of his feed. The last pounds added to the mature colt are what bring the money, so put on as many of these last pounds as possible.

A scrub mare bred to a scrub stallion and scrubbed fed will produce the scrubbiest of scrub colts. The scrub mare bred to a good stallion and given proper care will produce a colt that is a slight improvement over herself. If a strictly first class mare is bred to a splendid horse larger than herself and if she is given proper feed and care only a splendid foal will result. Breed a 1,800 pound mare to a 2,400 pound stallion as good as he is large and the mare should beget a colt that will with good care make a 2,100 pound horse. With extra care and feed it may exceed that. This is the only way that the farmer can expect to increase the size of his draft horses.

Hogging Down Corn. The Iowa station bulletin 143 found the practice of hogging down corn profitable. Farmers to the number of 158 reported an average saving of 6.89 cents for every bushel hogged down. The Iowa station advises feeding some protein with the corn. This is provided by seeding rape in the corn or by feeding tankage or oil meal in troughs. In 1911 gains at the Iowa station cost to the hundredweight, on standing corn only, \$3.14; on standing corn and soy beans, \$2.57; on standing corn and tankage, \$2.43.

Keep the Colts Growing. At least half a pound of grain for each hundredweight of colt is none too much for the weanlings, yearlings and two-year-olds. The stunted colt never recovers and grows out to the size it would if it had been properly fed during the first year or two of its life.

Dining Tables

The Kind that Carries the Leaves Inside

They Cost No More Than the Old Style



Harvest and Threshing Time Calls for a Large Table

We Have Them at a Low Price
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HERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR STOMACH VICTIMS

Some very remarkable results are being obtained by treating stomach, liver and intestinal troubles with pure vegetable oils, which exert a cleansing and purifying action upon the lower bowels, removing the obstructions of poisonous fecal matter and gases and preventing their absorption by the blood. This done, the food is allowed free passage from the stomach, fermentation ceases and stomach troubles quickly disappear.

George H. Mayr, for twenty years a leading Chicago druggist, cured himself and many of his friends of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles of years' standing, by this treatment, and so successful was the remedy he devised that it has since been placed in the hands of druggists all over the country, who have sold thousands of bottles.

Though absolutely harmless, the effect of the medicine is sufficient to convince any one of its remarkable effectiveness, and within twenty-four hours the sufferer feels like a new person. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by all leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction. adv5

It is greatly to be regretted that greater efforts are not being made to destroy Canada thistles. They are beginning to invade this county and Michigan generally. They are allowed to go to seed in grain fields, and each year they cover a greater area. The seed is easily scattered by the wind and any kind of soil is good enough for the thistle.



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ORDER OF OWLS

New Benefit and Social Order Being Organized in Howell

Frank Clavey of Lansing, has been in Howell, the past two months organizing a new lodge, which will be known as the Order of Owls. The lodge is a social as well as a benefit organization. "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to speak ill of the rest of us," is the motto of the Order of Owls, the underlying thought of which is to bring all men together on a common footing with each other; to raise good men to a higher level and less fortunate men to see that they are wanted somewhere, that there is at least one place where "they are known all about and liked just the same," and where they can enter into the spirit of good fellowship.

At present the order have a membership of 96, and they are working to get 200 charter members.

They have rented the rooms formerly occupied by the Howell Business College.

John Luchini transacted business in Rosebush, Tuesday.

MRS. W. P. LINDSEY DIES SUDDENLY

W. P. Lindsey and family had lived in Michigan only four months, when neighbors and friends were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Lindsey, at 7 o'clock, Thursday evening at their home 3 1/2 miles southwest of Alma. All were seated at the supper table when the summons came.

Dr. Lamb was called and found life extinct when he arrived. Death was due to heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey moved to Michigan, last spring, from Richland county, Illinois, and bought the farm formerly owned by C. F. Brown.

Mr. Lindsey, his two daughters and son accompanied the remains to Farmer City, where the funeral services will be conducted Friday, at two o'clock. The remains will then be interred in the family lot in Maple Grove cemetery.

Friends and neighbors extend sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Wing is sick and will be unable to work for a month or six weeks. Watch the Record for notice of return to work.